

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of metronidazole for the preparation of a~~ A pharmaceutical composition for treating cutaneous inflammation comprising a cutaneous inflammation treating effective amount of metronidazole.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said cutaneous inflammation results from the secretion of at least one interleukin chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to Claim 1 ~~or 2,~~ characterized in that the wherein said cutaneous inflammation results from the secretion of two or three interleukins chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 3, ~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the said inflammation is the inflammatory component of rosacea and ~~in that the~~ metronidazole is capable of modifying the secretion of at least one interleukin chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 to 4, ~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein metronidazole is capable of modifying the secretion of two or three interleukins chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein metronidazole inhibits the secretion of
at least one interleukin chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein metronidazole inhibits the secretion of
two or three interleukins chosen from the group comprising IL-5, IL-6 and IL-10.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the~~ Claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is
a dermatological composition for topical application.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition is for treating at least
one stage of rosacea.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition is for treating the first
stage of rosacea.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition is for treating the
second stage of rosacea.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition is for treating the third stage of rosacea.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 12, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition is for treating the fourth stage of rosacea.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition contains from about 0.0001% to 20% by weight ~~and preferably from 0.1% to 2% of metronidazole, and more preferentially from about 0.75% to 1% by weight of metronidazole.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 14, characterized in that the~~ Claim 1, wherein said composition also contains further comprises another active agent chosen from the group of antibiotics, antibacterial agents, antiviral agents, anti-parasitic agents, antifungal agents, anaesthetics, analgesics, anti-allergic agents, retinoids, free-radical scavengers, anti-pruriginous agents, keratolytic agents, anti-seborrhoeic agents, antihistamines, sulfides, immunosuppressant products and anti-proliferative products.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Use]]~~ The composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 15, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the composition ~~contains~~ further comprises an additive chosen from the group of sequestrants, antioxidants, sunscreens, preserving agents, fillers, electrolytes, humectants, colorants common mineral or organic

acids or bases, fragrances, essential oils, cosmetic active agents, moisturizers, vitamins, essential fatty acids, sphingolipids, self-tanning compounds, skin calmativ and protective agents, pro-penetrating agents and gelling agents, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 17 (New): The composition according to Claim 14, wherein the composition contains from 0.1% to 2% by weight of metronidazole.

Claim 18 (New): The composition according to Claim 17, wherein the composition contains from about 0.75% to 1% by weight of metronidazole.